

HOUSE BILL 9041

By Griffey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29;
Title 39 and Title 58, relative to COVID-19
vaccination.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

(a) It is an offense for any person or entity to intentionally require that another receive a COVID-19 vaccination or provide proof that another has received a COVID-19 vaccination:

(1) As condition of employment; or

(2) In order to enter any building, facility, or property that is generally open to the public.

(b)

(1) A first violation of subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) A second violation of subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of no less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(3) A third or subsequent violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of no less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(c) It is an exception to the application of subsection (a) if the requirement is a condition for entry into a hospital or other facility used for healthcare treatment of a person who has been designated by a physician as being at high risk of death from exposure to a communicable disease.

(d) As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including any mutation of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.